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SUBJECT: JOINT ACC/CPC MEETING

1. JOINT ACC/CPC CONVENED JULY 1 PM UNDER JOINT CHAIR-MENSHIP OF SYG WALDHEIM AND ECOSOC PRESIDENT KARHILO. EACH DELIVERED BLAND STATEMENTS RELATED TO THE SINGLE ITEM ON THE AGENDA, THE ROLE OF THE UN SYSTEM IN THE EVOLUTION OF A NEW ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WORLD ORDER. SUBSEQUENTLY, SOME DOZEN INTERVENTIONS WERE MADE BY PERM REPS AND DIRECOR GENERALS. MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH JULY 2.

2. WALDHEIM SAID TASK NOW IS TO TRANSLATE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION INTO CONCRETE PROGRAMS. IN THAT CONNECTION HE OFFERED FOUR THOUGHTS: THE NEED FOR BALANCED GROWTH,THE NEED TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN AGGREGATE REQUIREMENTS DEMANDED OF THE UN SYSTEM AND ITS RESOUCES, AND THE NEED FOR IMPROVED QUALITY OF THE SYSTEM'S PERFORMANCE. HE FURTHER CAUTIONED THAT THE SETBACKS EXPERIENCED BY SOME RELATIVELY STRONG ECONOMIES UNCLASSIFIED

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IN COURSE OF CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS SHOULD NOT LEAD TO

ANY RELAXATION IN OVERALL EFFORTS TO HELP ECONOMIES WHICH ARE ON VERGE OF BREAKING DOWN.

- 3. KARHILO, REFERRING TO PROGRAM OF ACTION, IX,3, A, SAID THAT FIRST UN AGENCY PROGRESS REPORTS ON IMPLE-MENTATION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION WERE DUE JULY 1975, AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR 59TH ECOSOC, AND SUBSEQUENT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION.
- 4. IN FIRST OF SERIES OF NATIONAL STATEMENTS, JAPANESE REP SAITO RECALLED THAT UNGAS VI DECLARATION AND PROGRAM HAD NOT MET WITH UNIFORM GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL, AND QUESTIONED THE IDEA THAT THEY HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. HE ADVISED THE UN FAMILY TO KEEP THIS FACT IN MIND AND THEREFORE TO PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF DOCUMENTS WITH CAUTION AND PATIENCE. HE URGED COORDINATION OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS, SUGGESTING THAT THE LATTER BE ORIENTED TOWARD HIGH-RISK, LONG-TERM AND PIONEERING PROJECTS. ARGENTINA (MARTINEZ), AFTER NOTING THAT HIS DELEGATION WOLD HAVE PREFERRED A JOINT ACC/ECOSOC SESSION, SAID THAT SCHEDULE OF UN AGENCY REPORTS TO ECOSOC ON PROGRAM OF ACTION SHOULD BE ADVANCED TO FACILITATE THE COUNCIL'S MANDATE OF PRIORITY SETTING, AND CONSIDERATION BY 29TH GA.
- 5. FAO BOERMA PLEDGED WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT FOR UNGAS DECLARATION AND PROGRAM. HE QUESTONED NEED FOR ANY STRUCTURAL REFORMS OF UN FAMILY TO ACCOMMODATE NEW TASKS, BELIEVING EXISTING AGENCIES WERE CAPABLE OF ADDRESSING KEY ISSUES SUCH AS FOOD, ENERGY, POPULATION. BOERMA CAME OUT AGAINST IDEA OF CONSOLIDATED BUDGET FOR UN FAMILY.
- 6. AMB. FRAZAO AGREED WITH ARGENTINE THAT COUNCIL SHOULD FOCUS EXCLUSIVELY ON DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. HE TOO REQUESTED THAT SPECIALIZED AGENCIES EXPEDITE COUNTIL'S WORK BY EARLY SUBMISSION OF REPORTS ON THEIR CAPACITY TO MEET NEW NEEDS, SUGGESTING THAT REPORTS BE CONSIDERED AT 57TH RESUMED IN PRELIMINARY FASHION AND FULLY AT 58TH.

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7 ILO'S BLANCHARD GAVE RUN DOWN OF AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROGRAM. HE REFERRED IN PARTICULAR TO RECENT INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR TRIPARTITE CONGRESS IN 1976 ON QUESTIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, DIVISION OF LABOR AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS. RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATION BY ILO GOVERNING COUNCIL IN FALL. HE RECALLED THAT RESEARCH PROGRAM ON SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

ALSO UNDERWAY. BLANCHARD SAID IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION CREATED FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FOR SA'S, WHOSE BUDGETS ARE "PRECARIOUS" DUE INFLATION AND FLUCTUATIONS OF CURRENCIES

8. EEC EXEC. SEC. STANOVNIK SAID THAT COUNCIL SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO HARMONIZE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN POLITICAL AND OPERATIONAL DECISIONS TAKEN BY UNGA, WHICH OFTEN VARY FROM THOSE TAKEN IN SA'S GOVERNING COUNCILS AND IN REGIONAL BODIES OF UN. UNCTAD'S CORREA OF COURSE PLEDGED FULL, ON-GOING SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM, BUT NOTED THAT HE WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO DO SO.

9. IBRD REP. HOFFMAN SAID THAT THE BANK HAD NO NEW PRO-GRAMS AS RESULT OF UNGA NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. HE SAID THAT BANK IN PROCESS OF REASSESSING ITS MARCH PAPER ON BOP PERFORMANCE, HOWEVER. BANK REPORT CONTAINS 5 GROUPS OF COUNTRIES: THOSE BELOW AND ABOVE \$200 PER CAPITA, OIL AND NON-OIL PRODUCERS, AND THOSE WITH OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES. MAJOR CONCLUSIONS OF BANK REPORT IS THAT 1) IT UNLIKELY THAT DDII TARGETS OF 6 PERCENT INCREASE GNP WILL BE ATTAINED; 2) MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED NATIONS ARE THOSE BELOW \$200 PER CAPITA, IN WHICH IT UNLIKELY THAT RESOURCES WILL ALLOW ANY INCOME INCREASE IN 1970'S. NOTING THAT ODA HAD DECLINED IN REAL TERMS BY 5 PERCENT IN 1973, HOFFMAN POINTED UP NEED FOR INCREASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. INTERESTINGLY, HE SAID THAT 80-90 PERCENT OF INCREASED INPUT REQUIREMENTS FOR 1974 WERE NECESSARY DUE TO PETROLEUM PRICE INCREASES SINCE 1971.

10. NEW BANK ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT IN PERIOD 1971-78, IDA/IBRD PROVIDED SERVICES AND COMMODITIES WILL SUFFER PRICE INCREASES OF FULL 90 PERCENT. REFERRING TO SYGS EMERUNCLASSIFIED

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GENCY PROGRAM (PREBISCH), HOFFMAN REPORTED THAT IBRD IS COOPERATING WITH IT. HE REFERRED ALSO TO IMF-IBRD MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE STUDY, INDICATING THAT HE BELIEVED THAT OECD, UNCTAD AND GA'S COMMITTEE OF 36 WOULD BE INVITED TO TAKE PART. IMF REP., IN PARALLEL INTERVENTION, REFERRED TO C-20 COMMUNIQUE AS EXAMPLE OF FUNDS EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH CURRENT CRISIS. ABRAMS

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